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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Fiscal Service

Proposed Collection of Information: Annual Letters – Certificates of Authority (A) and Admitted Reinsurer

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). Currently the Bureau of the Fiscal Service within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the "Annual Letters – Certificates of Authority (A) and Admitted Reinsurer".

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Bruce A. Sharp, 200 Third Street A4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or bruce.sharp@fiscal.treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies should be directed to Melvin Saunders, Program Manager, Surety Bonds, 3700 East West Highway, Room 632F, Hyattsville, MD 20782, (202) 874-5283. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Title: Annual Letters – Certificates of Authority (A) and Admitted Reinsurer OMB Number: 1530-0014 (Previously approved as 1510-0057 as a collection conducted by Department of the Treasury/Financial Management Service.)

Transfer of OMB Control Number: The Bureau of Public Debt (BPD) and the Financial Management Service (FMS) have consolidated to become the Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service). Information collection requests previously held separately by BPD and FMS will now be identified by a 1530 prefix, designating Fiscal Service.

Abstract: This letter is used to collect information from companies to assist the Treasury Department in determining acceptability and solvency to write or reinsure Federal surety bonds.

Current Actions: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit

Estimated Number of Respondents: 341

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 39.75 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,555

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the

quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e)

estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of

services to provide information.

Dated: December 23, 2014.

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Bureau Clearance Officer.

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